

# Community Needs Assessment

## Primary Data

### Putnam County Community Health Assessment Survey

The community health assessment survey provides a profile of perceived health care needs and problems facing the community. Its purpose is to obtain subjective data from a cross section of the health care services, problems and needs in the county. The survey includes questions about the health and social problems affecting the community as well as the availability, adequacy, accessibility and level of satisfaction of health care service in the community. The community survey is not a scientific random sample of the community, however it does represent a cross section of the community, i.e. young families, single parents, the elderly, farmers, business leaders, rural residents, etc. The community development staff distributed the community health assessment survey to the health council members, who then circulated the surveys throughout the community. Results of the survey were tabulated and analyzed using the “Epi Info” computer software. The community development staff presented the final results and analysis of the survey to the county health council. The following list identifies the perceived problems facing the Putnam County community based on the survey results.

		Top Ten Issues Highlighted
<b>Smoking</b>	<b>72%</b>	
<b>Heart Conditions</b>	<b>70%</b>	
<b>High Blood Pressure</b>	<b>69%</b>	
<b>Teen Alcohol/Drug Abuse</b>	<b>61%</b>	
<b>Adult Alcohol Abuse</b>	<b>59%</b>	
<b>Stress</b>	<b>56%</b>	
<b>Obesity</b>	<b>54%</b>	
<b>Adult Drug Abuse</b>	<b>54%</b>	
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>54%</b>	
<b>Child Abuse/Neglect</b>	<b>48%</b>	
<b>Teen Pregnancy</b>	<b>48%</b>	
<b>Smokeless Tobacco</b>	<b>42%</b>	
<b>Diabetes</b>	<b>45%</b>	
Breast Cancer	40%	
Lung Cancer	40%	
Arthritis	40%	
Depression	40%	
Crime	37%	
Lack of Sex Education	34%	
Poor Nutrition for Elderly	31%	
Poverty	31%	
Prostrate Cancer	30%	
Other Cancer	30%	
Poor Nutrition for Children	30%	
Colon Cancer	29%	